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COMPUTER EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether computer has become biggest means of employment nowadays;

(b) if so, whether the Government is running any programme for providing quality education in computers to the educated and unemployed youths of poor and weaker sections;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard during the last two years, State-wise; and

(d) if not, the time by which the Government is likely to formulate a plan in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(DR.SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a): As per National association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM) estimates, the total demand for IT and Information Technology Enabled Services (ITES) professionals by the end of financial year 2007-08 is projected to exceed 2 million.

(b), (c) and (d): The following programmes are supported by the Government:-

(i) DOEACC Society is implementing a scheme for generation of quality manpower in the area of Information Technology in the non-formal sector. Under the scheme, four levels of courses, viz. `O`, `A`, `B` and `C` level courses are offered through its centers and franchises located across the country. These courses have a scholarship scheme for SC/ST, female and physically handicapped students with effect from January 2003 Examination.

(ii) DOEACC Society is offering ITES-Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) Course in association with Ministry of Development of North-Eastern Region. The course is offered at DOEACC Region. The course is offered at DOEACC Centres located in the North-eastern region. A similar course is also offered in Jammu & Kashmir with the support of Department of Information Technology. The courses are offered at the rates less than the estimated cost.

(iii) Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) is training the students at rates less than the estimated cost on Computer Literacy Programme (CLP) through Community Information Centres (CICs) in North-Eastern states. Sof far 203 CICs have been activated for the course.

(iv) In the vocational training offered through Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) / Industrial Training Centres (ITCs) courses under Craftsment Training Scheme (CTS) are offered in computer related trades. No fee is charged from SC/ST and physically handicapped trainees. Also, the Apprenticeship Training Scheme implemented through industrial establishments undeer the Apprentices Act 1961 includes three computer related trades.